

**GREG BELL** Lieutenant Governor

# State of Utah

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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OGM	Pete Hess Environmental Scientist III			



# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C0070013
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Start Date/Time:	4/21/2010 7:50:00 AM
End Date/Time:	4/21/2010 11:05:00 AM
Last Inspection:	Thursday, March 25, 2010

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III Weather: Cool, 50's F. Heavy cumulo nimbus clods.

InspectionID Report Number: 2331

**Types of Operations** 

Accepted by: jhelfric 5/6/2010

Permitee: UTAHAMERICAN ENERGY INC Operator: UTAHAMERICAN ENERGY INC

Site: HORSE CANYON MINE

Address: PO BOX 986, PRICE UT 84501

County: CARBON

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

### **Current Acreages**

<b>Total Permitted</b>	5,992.07
<b>Total Disturbed</b>	42.60
Phase I	51.56
Phase II	51.56
Phase III	74.26

#### Mineral Ownership

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<b>V</b>	Federal		✓	Underground
<b>✓</b>	State			Surface
<b>~</b>	County			Loadout
✓	Fee			Processing
	Other			Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The Permittee completed the remedial actions necessary to abate Notice of Violation # N10045 (seeding of the topsoil pile) on April 1, 2010. Ms. Priscilla Burton terminated N10045 on April 12, 2010.

The Permittee anticipates the first mining of saleable coal in July 2010. Initial coal recovery will be powered with diesel generator sets.

Inspector's Signature:

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Date

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## REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
  - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	$\checkmark$		✓	
2.	Signs and Markers	✓		<b>~</b>	
3.	Topsoil	<b>✓</b>		~	
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<b>V</b>			
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<b>✓</b>		~	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures				
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	✓		~	
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives	✓			
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches				
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments				
8.	Noncoal Waste	<b>V</b>			
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	✓			
10.	Slides and Other Damage		✓		
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading				
13.	Revegetation				
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.8	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<b>V</b>		✓	
16.t	Roads: Drainage Controls	<b>V</b>			
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	✓		<b>V</b>	
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	

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## 1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The Permittee intends to submit an application to the MRP to re-locate the ROM pad to the uppermost pad area. Upon approval, the shop / warehouse pad will be the middle pad. The Permittee provided the Division with information to address the remaining deficiencies identified in Task ID # 3498, Surface Design Changes. All needed information was obtained from the approved R2P2 document.

#### 2. Signs and Markers

The Permittee installed four additional disturbed area markers (2 at the head and 2 at the toe) of the disturbed ditch connecting the toe of the ROM coal pad to the disturbed ditch located on the east side of the topsoil pile. The Permittee agreed to paint these new markers yellow.

#### 3. Topsoil

As is noted above, the Permittee has completed the abatement requirements for N10045. The topsoil pile wasinspected this day. Seeds are visible, and the seeded area was re-roughened. No germination is prevalent, but to date, no moisture has been received. Topsoil recovery from the undistubed areas within the disturbed perimeter is to be initiated on......

## 4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

Ponds #1 and #2 were both observed as dry. The Permittee has completed the catwalk installation connecting the Pond #1 impounding embankment to the primary spillway. An "as-built" survey of the completed pond #1with drawings is pending.

#### 4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

Second quarter field water monitoring for the Horse Canyon permit area is scheduled for May, 2010.

## 16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing

Mr. Marshall notified the Division this day that the construction of the new Emery county coal haul road (EC # 126) from US 50 & 6 to the Mine is slated to begin May 3, 2010.

#### 18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

The environmental assessment document for the new high voltage power line has been approved by the BLM. Construction bids are to be sent out.

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#### 22. Other

The Permittee was reminded this day that Division Order DO-09A Closure of Remote Portals remains pending. This resposibility is part of the Lila Canyon Permit Area "B" mining and reclamation plan. The Geneva Mine remote fan portals located in Lila Canyon must have the BLM and Division approved designed cable barrier and rock barrier completed by September 1, 2010. Mr. Marshall plans to utilize a helicopter to drop the necessary supplies onto the Lila Canyon fan pad portal during the same time frame that the 2010 raptor survey is flown.